

Teamwork-Why It's Important

Grade Level	Eighth
Minimum Time Required	40 Minutes
Materials/Resources	Index cards, paper clips, rubber bands, straws, etc.
Subject Area(s)	Guidance

Project Description:

1. Explain to students that in the workplace people very often work together in teams to accomplish a project. Usually each person will have a specific role and if they don't do their part either the project fails or others have to step in and assume that person's job.
2. Divide the class into small groups. In this assignment, students are given a set of materials and told to make a product. They will need to explain the product and persuade the class to buy it.
3. In their presentation, the students should describe the role each played and how they worked together to complete the project.

Career Development Standard	Skills to interact positively with others.
Career Development Indicator	Demonstrate effective group membership skills.
Delivery Level	Review
Academic Standards	
Language Arts	3.1.b Use various listening techniques in problem-solving and decision-making situations. 3.3.b Use specific questioning strategies to comprehend oral/visual information. 4.1.b Present oral information in a logical and coherent manner. 4.1.c Use input from others to determine the effectiveness of personal communication. 4.2.b Determine the purpose of oral presentations when deciding appropriate language. 4.2.c Use recognized conventions/mechanics of language in personal communication. 4.3.c Use auxiliary resources to enhance oral presentations, e.g., visual aids, special effects.
Employability/SCANS Skills	Basic Skills Interpersonal Skills Managing Resources
Assessment/Rubric	Students will demonstrate effective skills in working as part of a team.